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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims **1- 24** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Schilling** (US Patent Number 6128328).

3. Regarding **claim 1**, Schilling teaches in Figure 5 a cellular communication system comprising at least one cell (A, B, C, Fig. 5), said cell being defined by:

a coverage layer (A, B, C, Fig. 5) defining having an fixed (by definition, a cell has a fixed coverage area) coverage area (Col. 3, lines 40-57);

a capacity layer comprising a plurality of carriers (F1, F2, F3 , F4, F5, F6 Fig. 5), each carrier in the capacity layer having a variable coverage area (Col. 3, lines 36-39, Col. 8, lines 21-28 and Col 11 lines 25-55).

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4. Regarding **claim 2**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling's teachings disclose a power level of a carrier in a downlink of the coverage layer defines the coverage of said at least one cell (a base station coupled with base-power means to radiates signal over a coverage area from the base station to a remote, Col. 3, lines 40-57).

5. Regarding **claim 3**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 2.

Schilling further teaches said power level is variable (Col. 10, line 19-21).

6. Regarding **claim 4**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling further teaches that a number of carriers in the capacity layer is variable (the radii of the concentric area is adjustable which means the density or capacity of the layer is variable, Col. 8 lines 31-35 and Col. 10, lines 25-26, Col. 12 Line 55 - Col 13 Line 26).

7. Regarding **claim 5**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling further teaches a power level of at least one carrier of said number of carriers in the capacity layer is variable (Col. 10, line 19-21 and Col. 11, lines 51-65).

8. Regarding **claim 6**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling teaches that a total transmission power for a downlink is divided between the

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coverage layer and the capacity layer of said at least one cell in dependence on the coverage and capacity requirement of the system (Col. 11, lines 30-65).

9. Regarding **claim 7**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 6.

Schilling further teaches power available for at least one of the coverage layer and the capacity layer is divided between carriers in the coverage layer and the capacity layer (Col. 11, lines 30-65).

10. Regarding **claim 8**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling teaches the cellular communication system comprises a multi-carrier system (6 directional antenna 109, Col. 7, lines 22-29).

11. Regarding **claim 9**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 1.

Schilling further teaches the cellular communication system comprises a single carrier system (6 omni-directional antenna 109, Col. 7, lines 22-29).

12. Regarding **claims 10-18**, they are method claims corresponding to the apparatus claims 1-9. Therefore, they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-9.

13. Regarding **claim 19**, Schilling teaches a base station of a mobile communication system, said base station comprising: first transmitting means for transmitting a carrier at a predetermined power level thereby defining a coverage area of a cell (Col. 3, lines

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40-57), and second transmitting means for transmitting a variable number of carriers thereby defining, at least in part, a capacity of the cell (Col. 8 lines 31-35 and Col. 10, lines 25-26, Col. 12 Line 55 - Col 13 Line 26 Col. 13 In 65- Col. 14 In 8).

14. Regarding **claim 20**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 19. Schilling further teaches power levels of a variable number of carriers depends upon a proximity of a mobile station associated with a carrier to a base station (Col. 10, lines 25-27).

15. Regarding **claim 21**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 20. Schilling further teaches a total power of the variable number of carriers comprises a predetermined power, and wherein a portion of said predetermined power among the variable number of carriers is determined by a total number of carriers (Col. 11, lines 30-65).

16. Regarding **claim 23**, Schilling teaches a cellular communication system according to claim 5, wherein the said power level is variable in dependence on a position of a mobile station (Col. 10, lines 25-27).

17. Regarding **claim 24**, Schilling teaches a method according to claim 14, further comprising varying the power level of a carrier in the capacity layer in dependence on a position of a mobile station (Col. 10, lines 25-27).

18. Claims **22** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by **Schilling** (US Patent Number 6128328) in view of **Lawrence** (US Publication Number 2004/0203837).

19. Regarding **claim 22**, Schilling teaches all the limitations according to claim 21. Schilling further teaches a second transmitting means for transmitting a variable number of users. However, he fails to teach that the power allocated to at least one carrier is

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configured to reduce in response to an increase in the variable number of carriers. In an analogous art, Lawrence teaches that the power level is adjusted according to the subscriber density and demand in a particular region (para. 2). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art the time of the invention to modify Schilling's teaching to include an adjustable power level in accordance to the capacity of the cell to maximize the signal quality.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 filed 01-24-06 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Lam whose telephone number is (571) 272-6497. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 9 - 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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